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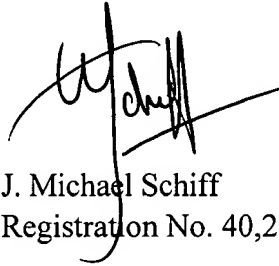
Dear Sir:

The information listed in the accompanying form PTO-1449 and provided herewith may be material to examination of this application and is submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56. The Examiner is requested to make this information of record in the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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